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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER INCLUDING A  
BASE AMOUNT IN THE WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA TO COVER  
PHYSICAL PLANT OPERATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, established a  
2 weighted student formula to help ensure that moneys go to  
3 schools with the greatest need and to place more moneys at the  
4 discretion of individual schools; and

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6 WHEREAS, a significant advantage of the weighted student  
7 formula is that principals have the authority to make funding  
8 decisions based on the needs of their own school; and

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10 WHEREAS, the weighted student formula works by allocating a  
11 specific dollar amount to educate each enrolled student, with  
12 additional money allocated to educate students with identified  
13 characteristics that may impact their learning and achievement;  
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16 WHEREAS, the student characteristics accounted for in the  
17 2014-2015 school year include a grade level adjustment, English  
18 language learner status, economic disadvantage, transiency, and  
19 gifted and talented status; and

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21 WHEREAS, school characteristics that are given weight in  
22 the formula include a school's location on a neighbor island;  
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25 WHEREAS, the weighted student formula also allocates base  
26 funding per school based on school type; and

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28 WHEREAS, school types differentiated for the purposes of  
29 allocating base funding include elementary schools; multi-track



1 elementary schools; middle schools; multi-track middle schools;  
2 high schools; and K-12, K-8, and 6-12 combination schools; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the amount of base funding allocated per school  
5 does not factor in the size of the school or school grounds; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the larger the school campus, the greater the need  
8 for physical plant resources, including custodians and security;  
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11 WHEREAS, schools with large physical plant resource needs  
12 and relatively small enrollments are particularly disadvantaged  
13 under the current formula; and  
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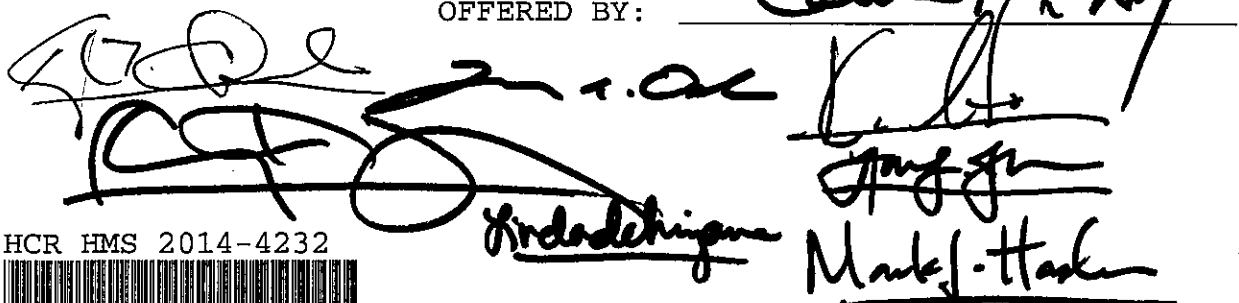
15 WHEREAS, schools with significant acreage and physical  
16 plant costs require additional funding to adequately maintain  
17 and secure the school campus for the health and safety of  
18 students and staff; now, therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
23 requests the Department of Education to consider including a  
24 base amount in the weighted student formula to cover physical  
25 plant operations, including maintenance and security needs; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education  
28 consult with the Committee on Weights to consider school acreage  
29 as a factor in determining the base amount allocated for  
30 physical plant operations; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
34 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Chairperson  
35 of the Committee on Weights.  
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